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Party representation in Select Committees of the Legislature

* 237 Q.—Sri A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) what steps the Government take to ensure that the parties in the Opposition get fair representation in the Select Committees apopinted to consider Government Bills introduced in the Legislature; and

(b) whether it is the policy of the Government to take in members of their own party in Committees in order to ensure an even policy, i.e., full co-operation?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (a) & (b) Members of Select Committees are selected by the Whips or Leaders of Parties in consultation with one another and so that the various parties in the House are properly represented."

Speeches reported in English and Tamil in the Legislature

* 238 Q.—Sri A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state how many speeches in English and Tamil were recorded by the departmental reporters commencing from the last Budget Session up to the last meeting of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" From the last Budget Session up to the end of the meeting of the Legislative Council in August 1954, 332 speeches in English and 34 speeches in Tamil were recorded by the departmental reporters. During the same period, 596 speeches in English and 515 speeches in Tamil were recorded by them in the Assembly. This excludes the questions portion of the proceedings, the speeches and interruptions by the Presiding Officers."

Sri. A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR:—" ஆங்கிலத்திலே சுருக்கெழுத் தாளர்கள் எத்தனை பேர்? தமிழிலே சுருக்கெழுத் தாளர்கள் எத்தனை பேர்? என்பதை கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் சொல்வாரா?"

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" The sanctioned strength of the reporting staff of the Legislature Secretariat is 12 English Reporters and four Tamil and one Malayalam Reporters. Of the twelve English Reporters six are qualified in reporting Tamil speeches also."

Sri A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR:—"தமிழ்ப் பேச்சு பேசுவோர்கள் அதிகமாக இருப்பதினாலே, தமிழ்ச் சுருக்கெழுத்தாளர்களை அதிகமாக ஏற்படுத்துவதற்கு கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா?"

The Hon. Sri. C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" அவ்வாறு ஏற்படுத்துவதற்கு ஏற்பாடுகள் செய்து வருகின்றோம்."